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Adoption of the report of the Forum on its eighth session

Draft report

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Arvīds **Ozols** (Latvia)

Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The United Nations Forum on Forests held its eighth session at United Nations Headquarters on 27 April 2007 and from 20 April to 1 May 2009. The Forum held __ plenary meetings (1st to __). Working Group I held __ meetings and Working Group II held __ meetings.

2. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

B. Attendance

3. In accordance with paragraph 4 of Economic and Social Council resolution 2000/35, the Forum is composed of all States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies of the United Nations, with full and equal participation. Representatives of the following States attended the session:

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4. The following United Nations offices and organs were represented:

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5. The following specialized agencies were represented:

[*To be completed*]

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6. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented:

[*To be completed*]

7. The following non-governmental organizations were represented:

[*To be completed*]

C. Election of officers

8. At its 1st meeting, on 27 April 2007, the Forum elected the following officers of its eighth session:

Vice-Chairmen:
Abdellah Benmellouk (Morocco)
Arvīds Ozols (Latvia)
Modesto Fernández Diaz-Silveira (Cuba)

9. At its 2nd meeting, on 20 April 2009, the Forum elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:
Boen Purnama (Indonesia)

Vice-Chairman:
Glen Kile (Australia)

10. At the same meeting, the Forum was informed that the Vice-Chairman, Arvīds Ozols (Latvia), would also serve as Rapporteur for the eighth session.

11. At its 7th meeting, on 24 April 2009, the Forum elected Modest Mero (United Republic of Tanzania) as Vice-Chairman of the eighth session, by acclamation, to replace Abdellah Benmellouk (Morocco), who could no longer continue in that function.

D. Agenda and organization of work

12. At its 2nd meeting, on 20 April 2009, the Forum adopted its provisional agenda as contained in document E/CN.18/2009/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Achieving the four global objectives on forests and implementing the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests.
4. Regional and subregional inputs.
5. Forests in a changing environment:
   (a) Forests and climate change;
   (b) Reversing the loss of forest cover, preventing forest degradation in all types of forests and combating desertification, including in low forest cover countries;
   (c) Forests and biodiversity conservation, including protected areas.

6. Means of implementation for sustainable forest management:

   (a) Applying means of implementation, including financial resources, capacity-building and the transfer of environmentally sound technology;

   (b) Decision on a voluntary global financial mechanism, a portfolio approach and a forest financing framework.

7. Multi-stakeholder dialogue.

8. Enhanced cooperation and policy and programme coordination, including the provision of further guidance to the Collaborative Partnership on Forests.

9. The Forum Trust Fund.

10. Dates and venue for the ninth session of the Forum.

11. Provisional agenda for the ninth session of the Forum.

12. Adoption of the report of the Forum on its eighth session.

13. At the same meeting, the Forum approved its organization of work for the session, which was contained in an informal paper.

14. Also at its 2nd meeting, the Forum approved the application for observer status of the intergovernmental organization African Forest Forum (see E/CN.18/2009/19).

E. Documentation

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